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Filed:	December 27, 2000	Docket No.	687-396 (AMS0100/US)
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING A BRAIDED STENT WITH SPHERICALLY ENDED WIRES		

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Dear Sir:

A Response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2006, in the above-identified application was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 1, 2006, with a request for a one-month extension of time and the required fee of \$120.00. The return postcard indicated that the Response was received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 3, 2006 (copy attached).

As of January 8, 2007, there was no evidence in PAIR that the response was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, we resubmitted a copy of the Response on January 9, 2007, along with a Communication explaining the resubmission (copy attached).

Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 was subsequently charged \$900.00 on January 23, 2007, for \$900.00 (fee code 1251) which appears to be the difference between a one-month extension of time fee (\$120.00) and a three-month extension of time fee (\$1,020.00).

It is respectfully submitted that the original Response was timely submitted on November 1, 2006 (PTO receipt date of November 3, 2006), with the one-month extension of time fee and that our Deposit Account should not have been charged the additional \$900.00.

Applicants respectfully request that a refund in the amount of \$900.00 be credited to our Deposit Account No. 50-1775.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this communication or the present patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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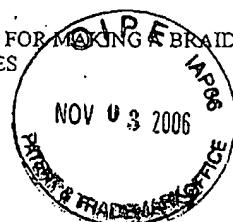
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- Response to a non-final Office Action mailed on 7/10/06 (13 pgs)
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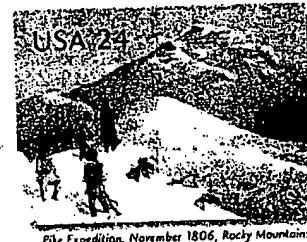
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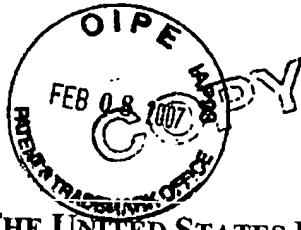


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COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

A Response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2006, was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 1, 2006, with a request for a one-month extension of time. As of January 8, 2007, there is no evidence in PAIR that the response was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The return postcard (copy enclosed) indicates that the Response was received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 3, 2006. Thus, we are resubmitting the Response as originally mailed on November 1, 2006 (attached).

It is believed that no fees are required in filing this Communication. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, at the Examiner's convenience, should the Examiner have any questions regarding this communication or the present patent application.

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